

EDITORIAL

George B. Thorp and the members of his Endowment Committee are to be congratulated on the outstanding success of their Life Membership campaign. The addition to our roll of eighteen new Life Members since 1941 gives reassuring promise of stability and permanence for the Club's program. We hope that our members will continue to give this Committee their support.

We are indebted to Terence M. Shortt of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology for the privilege of publishing his fine painting of the Baikal Teal as a frontispiece to this number of the *Bulletin*.

The Baikal Teal breeds in eastern Siberia and winters in Japan, Formosa, and China. It was added to the North American avifauna following the capture of a specimen at Wainwright, Alaska, in 1921 by Alfred M. Bailey and Russell W. Hendee, but it is not included among the illustrations of any recent publication on North American waterfowl.

The article on the Anatidae to which we have devoted much of this issue is an especially appropriate contribution to *The Wilson Bulletin* because it is such a remarkable demonstration of the fundamental importance of life history studies—a type of bird study long emphasized in this journal. The modern taxonomist, seeking to classify birds in accordance with their true relationships, considers habits no less significant than anatomical structure.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

On January 12, Alexander Wetmore was appointed Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution—the sixth to hold that post in the 98 years since its founding.

Lt. Col. W. P. C. Tenison has taken over the compilation and editing of the *Aves* section of the *Zoological Record*. He may be addressed in care of the British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 7, England.

The Stanley G. Jewett collection of birds and mammals has been acquired by the Natural History Museum at San Diego, California. The specimens—10,821 birds and more than 2,000 mammals—were taken for the most part in the territory between California and Alaska.

Alden H. Miller, Director of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, and Associate Professor of Zoology at the University of California at Berkeley, is spending two months in Colombia collecting specimens for the Museum.

WILSON BULLETIN REPRINTS

Since our readers often send us requests for reprints of *Wilson Bulletin* articles, we are arranging, beginning with this volume, to have a limited number of reprints made of our longer papers. Reprints of the article on the Anatidae which appears in this issue, will be thirty cents each, including postage. Please send in your orders immediately so that we may know how many copies will be required. Orders should be addressed to the Editor and should be accompanied by payment (in stamps if preferred).